



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Agenda No

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Responsible Officer: Helen Ball - Town Clerk

REMEMBRANCE

Purpose of Report

To inform members on plans for Remembrance

Plans

Remembrance Sunday is scheduled for Sunday 8th November 2020. Ordinarily the Town Council would act as lead organiser working with RAF Shawbury (on behalf of the military) and St Chads, linking with the Police and the Safety Advisory Group.

Initial discussions have taken place to work through Battle of Britain Service and then onto Remembrance. Battle of Britain Service was a low-key event with minimal number of personnel and only the Mayor, High Sheriff and the Station Commander laying wreaths. The event was given minimal publicity to reduce the number of people present and Facebook Live was used to stream the event.

Since this time the Rule of 6 has been introduced restricting social gatherings of 6 or more and discussions are taking place with Public Health to understand the implications.

In all likelihood if the event can take place it will only be a wreath laying service rather than the usual large parade and service which attract thousands of spectators.

Contact has been made with Microvideo who annually stream the church service in the Quarry to understand the potential of streaming a virtual Remembrance Event similar to the event they do for Carols in the Square.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Report be noted

That the Town Clerk be given authority to determine the nature and scale of any event in line with national and local guidelines at the time